

## AGE AND MARRIAGE.

The Girl of To-day Does Not Wed Until

The observant mortal must certainly have noticed among other things that the marrying woman of to-day defers her wedding until a much more advanced season in life than did her grandmother or even the girls of a decade ago, says the Philadelphia Times. The question arises: What is the cause of this putting off that time so many declare is the end of all women's existence?

Perhaps mothers are more sensible in these days and the young daughter is not thrown upon the world, either in a social or more workaday fashion until she has had a thorough schooling, which means in these days of long terms, communion with books until she is over twenty-one. The girl herself may be wiser in her day and generation and realize that gayeties and a happy-go-lucky existence before marriage must of necessity come to an end when she is led to the altar.

Then, again, this is an age of independent women. They enter the field of labor with men and find in such occupation less time for sentiment than was allowed the lackadaisical girl of the past. It is our earnest conviction that many girls have been led into the error of a foolish marriage through a lack of occupation. Busy, active, intelligent women have no time and less inclination for the making of romances. They are absorbed in art, in music, or in more humdrum occupations that return an excellent remuneration and which they are too wise to give up until they are certain that the man who asks them is able to compensate for all that they put away for his sake.

Many a woman defers marriage because she feels that her duty lies at home in the care of an aged father or an invalid mother or helpless brothers and sisters who depend upon her alone for support. Perhaps some one argues that all this tends to the establishment of a vast spinsterhood, but let us whisper that after all when the right man comes along, when real love creeps into the heart and wily Cupid makes his presence felt, then it matters not what specious argument may have been advanced heretofore, engagements and marriage appear to be the truest art and the noblest duty, for after all we are but women and are governed more by the heart than by the brain, independent and self-reliant though we think ourselves.

## Over the Parlor.

It is the worst possible arrangement in the world for the old people to lodge directly over the parlor, especially when there is an eligible daughter in the family. It was quite late in the evening, stealing, in fact, towards the wee sma' hours, and Charles and Georgina, two youthful lovers, were alone in the parlor communing in that tender way known to true lovers, when thump, thump, thump was heard on the ceiling overhead.

The lovers exchanged looks of surprise and confusion. Charles was vexed and chagrined, but neither knew what to say.

Thump, thump, thump, came again, and things began to look serious. It was evident that the old gentleman was admonishing Charles to go. He had staved late frequently before without being insulted. Thump, thump, thump.

"I guess I'd better be going," said Charles.

"Well, if you must," said Georgina, not knowing what else to say—more thumps, and the couple separated at the door without exchanging their wonted favors, sweet and precious. And then Georgina dusted for the parental dormitory, greatly excited.

"Father, you insulted Charles, and you have abused me, by your impudence, and I never was so outraged in my life!"

"Why, what is the trouble, child?" inquired the old gentleman, looking over his glasses in great surprise.

"A pretty piece of business, I am sure," returned Georgina, "for you to drum on the floor to send Charles off, as though he did not know when it is time to leave, and as though I was a baby."

"Why, mercy on me, girl," returned the old man. "I never thought of you and Charles. I was interested in reading, and my foot fell asleep, and I rather think I have a right to stamp a little under such circumstances!"

Georgina retired relieved, and the next morning Charles received a note from her explaining the matter.

## Modest Appreciation.

Notwithstanding her wonderful gifts, Madam Sand was sincerely modest. On one occasion a discussion arose about the latest work of a writer who, though rapid and dull as a rule, had flashes of something approaching genius. "The book is not good throughout," said Madam Sand, "but it contains at least a description of Venice which pleases me greatly." Several of her hearers agreed with her, but were under the impression that they had already met with this descriptive piece somewhere. "Egad, I know where!" suddenly exclaimed her son, and off he rushed to the bookshelves to find a novel written by his mother, in which he found the very description, which had been copied almost word for word. "What is this by me?" Madam Sand repeated, astonished and startled. "I had no idea of it. After all, it is really not so bad." An opinion which was warmly endorsed by her friends.

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